

UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE REPORT

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Introduction

COP26 is the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference as part of a yearly gathering of the UNFCCC framework in which 197 countries (also known as parties) met to make resolutions concerning the state of the world's climate.

COP26 was prominent in the history of such meetings as the first gathering after the 5-year threshold of the Paris Agreement for countries to ambitiously revise National Determined Contributions (also known as NDCs).

NDCs are national pledges that outline how countries participate in reducing carbon emissions and their impact at home. As well, COP26 was crucial for the anticipation of how Article 6 of the Paris Agreement would establish the groundwork of a global emissions trading framework.

This would financially incentivize and support mitigation and adaptation projects, especially in developing countries.

The Conference took place at the SEC Centre in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom, from October, 31 to November 13, 2021, with about 25,000 people attending from nearly two hundred countries.

Before COP are precursor events that prepare the way for inclusive and productive participation by all delegates. Most pre-COP events have been to reinstate the importance of young people in such global conversations. While climate discussions like COPs demand present action, their worst repercussion is mostly future-oriented. As such, more than any other category, young people are at the most risk of the effects of climate change.

Youth and Climate

In 2005, young people formally gathered for the first time in Montreal ahead of COP11 to make our voices heard at the first Conference of Youth (COY).

In 2015, the official Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC, YOUNGO, decentralized COY to allow for local and grassroots participation in all countries by all youth. Youth in different countries could organize their Local COYs (LCOYs) as country-led discussions towards local youth reports for the collective global youth report. Isaac Kojo Yedonu Aboah and Nadia Owusu participated in Ghana's first LCOY in September 2021, with Isaac as a delegate and Nadia, part of the organizing team as its Communications Lead. Through LCOY, we prepared Ghana's First Youth Statement on Climate Change which includes expectations of Ghanaian youth as equal stakeholders whose opinions demand inclusion in Ghana's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and climate-related political, economic and developmental decisions.

COY16 was the official youth precursor event to COP26. Our intention to participate in COY16 was to train in the official proceedings of the UNFCCC framework towards COP26, connect with other youth leaders across the globe, organize our workshop, and present Ghana's Youth Statement to include the perspectives in the Global Youth Statement.

COY16 took place from 28th-31 st October 2021 at the Strathclyde University in Glasgow with over 500 youth delegates attending from over 140 countries.

Our Participation at COY16 & COP26

Out of the benevolence of Tomorrow Foundation, a grant agreement signed between the Foundation and Vielly Ghana Limited (also known as Curve Mobility) sponsored two youth delegates to COP AND COY.

Tomorrow Foundation's grant was to facilitate an ongoing relationship where Curve Mobility communicates about the foundation for a year, especially maximizing visibility for Tomorrow Foundation as part of the representatives' participation in these conferences. In turn, the grant allowed the representatives of Curve Mobility to organize events, interact with other youth climate advocates and activists, connect with high-level personnel from financing institutions and participate in critical external engagements that gave publicity to Tomorrow Foundation. The representatives were, Isaac Kojo Yedonu Aboah, Co-Founder and CEO of Curve Mobility and Nadia Owusu, Digital Marketer and Youth Advocate.

In this report, we outline the events, activities and, workshops attended and organized by the sponsored representatives, lessons learned, and next steps from the engagements made at the conferences; COY 16 attended by Nadia Owusu on the 30th and 31st October and COP26 from 1st to 12th November attended by both representatives.

Note: Although Tomorrow Foundation had initially provided funding for only the first week of COP26 and COY16, it became imperative to attend the second week of COP to organize events for Tomorrow Foundation, participate in key events like youth and transport day, and engage with stakeholders crucial for Curve Mobility's development. This report and the added financial report reflects it.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

COY16

Our daily reflections detail our activities in the events at COY16 and COP26. As much as possible, we try to outline a summary of events we engaged in, our insights and takeaways and our external engagements and networking. Due to the delay in our travel preparations, Nadia was the only representative that could attend COY16, and for only two days.

30th October, 2021 - DAY 3, COY 16

Agenda (Events Attended:) Inaugural Launch of the Global Youth Engagement Network, Launch of the Global Youth Statement, Gala Ceremony+Dinner

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Nadia participated in the launch of the Global Youth Engagement Network (G-YEN), an organization of young leaders leveraging the collective power of young people to change the world. The online community provides young climate leaders with the opportunity to expand their impact by providing them with tools, resources and a platform for shared learning.

The Global Youth Statement galvanized the inputs of 47,479 individuals, environmental organizations, and educational institutions to highlight the most important action points to tackle the ongoing climate crisis from the perspective of young people across 134 countries globally. It was the main output of COY16 as a policy document drafted by young people to present to the United Nations COP negotiations.

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COY16

In 15 thematic areas, young people urged the world's leaders at COP26 to once and for all provide the necessary policy framework to win our fight for 1.5°C. It was a bold state to challenge and hold decision-makers accountable for their actions and approach climate resolutions with the needed urgency it deserves. More so, the statement demanded an intersectoral approach to youth inclusion in climate governance across all decision-making processes at local and national levels.

As part of the last plenary session, the youth presented the document to Mr Alok Sharma and Mrs Patricia Espinosa, the president of COP26 and the head of the UNFCCC respectively.

The Gala and Dinner provided a cosy ambience outside the official events to connect with other youth delegates over food and drinks.



Nadia Owusu at COY16

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COY16

31st October, 2021 - DAY 4, COY 16

Agenda (Events Attended:) COP26 Preparation Session, Art Gallery.

Summary of Activities:

YOUNGO organized a preparation event for youth delegates, especially first-timers, to help them in navigating COP. It was a training session on the hierarchies of events at COP, how to plan your day, how to participate in youth events and where to ask for help.

The art gallery was a space where climate-conscious art was exhibited.



Frog King, Frog Fortune 5 (2021). Mixed media on canvas. 50 x 50 cm. Courtesy Ocula

DAILY REFLECTIONS

COY26

November 1, 2021 - DAY 1

Agenda (Events Attended:) World Leaders Summit

Summary of Activities:

The first of the day was mainly focused on the World Leaders Summit, an official gathering of heads of states of various countries to deliver statements on Nationally Determined Contributions and the progress made in their fight against climate change in their countries. A spoken word performance by poet Yrsa Daley-Ward kicked off the event charging leaders to lead with light and protect the planet as nothing would change without world leaders.

The event itself was a series of commitments, pledges and announcements from world leaders. Notable amongst them were;

- India's commitment to achieving net-zero by 2070, along with reaching 50% renewable energy by 2030;
- Spain's contribution of USD 30 million to the Adaptation Fund in 2022, and commitment to increasing its climate finance by 50% by 2025;
- Republic of Korea's increase of its emissions reduction target to 40% below 2018 levels by 2030; and the president's call for greater youth integration in climate discussions.
- Denmark's pledge of USD 1 billion by 2023, and 60% of the country's climate aid focused on helping the most vulnerable nations adapt;
- Japan's contribution of up to USD 10 billion in additional climate finance in the next five years;
- Norway's pledge to double its climate finance to USD 1.6 billion by 2026, and funding for renewable energy and preserving forests in developing countries; and

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Summary of Activities:

In his speech, the president of the Republic of Ghana exercised his disappointment with leaders of the developed world for failing to honour the 100 billion commitment for climate financing. He charged the assembly to ensure a fairer and equitable approach to fighting climate change that does not impede development in Africa.

The most powerful and heartfelt speech of the summit was the speech by the President of the Republic of Barbados, Mia Mottley. Though she made many moving statements, the most profound was: "Failure to provide the critical finance and that of loss and damage is measured my friends, in lives and livelihoods in our communities. This is immoral, and this is unjust...when would leaders lead?"

Mia's words more than any other leader's immortalized the urgency of climate change and why world leaders should do better.

TakeAways/Outcomes:

- Countries like Denmark, Japan, Norway and Korea are dedicated to investing and financing developing countries to reduce climate change. We can leverage opportunities in such countries in line with the ambitions and mission of Curve to unlock funding opportunities.
- It seems more likely than otherwise that the world would fall short of the 1.5C ambition.
- The G7 and G20 are not making good of their financing commitment and would make mitigation and adaptation goals difficult for developing countries who depend on such funding.

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COY26

External Engagements/Opportunities:

- Met and interacted with the SDG Youth Ambassador (staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and only youth delegate of Suriname. We built a good relationship with her in the span of the conference, and are exploring areas of youth collaboration between the two nations.
- Met Ghana's Ambassador to the UK, introduced ourselves, our work and our sponsoring organization, Tomorrow Foundation to him.
- Zoe de Jonge, Global Partnerships, WeAreTomorrow Foundation
- Vernita Pearl Fort, Board Member, Center for United Nations Constitutional Research
- Patricio Lombardi, Secretary of Climate Change, Argentina



Nadia Owusu (far left) and Isaac Aboah (far right) with His Excellency Papa Owusu Ankomah, Ghana's Ambassador to the UK

DAILY REFLECTIONS

COY26

November 2, 2021 - DAY 2

Agenda (Events Attended:)

- Aligning Finance with Adaptation and Resilience Goals (European Investment Bank)
- Shifting Public Support and Policies towards a clean and just energy transition in the Global South (EU Pavillion)
- Enhancing climate finance access for adaptation in the context of COVID-19: Lessons from the Adaptation Fund portfolio
- Supporting Green & Climate-resilient development (EU Pavillion)

Summary of Activities:

The Adaptation Fund finances projects and programmes that help vulnerable communities in developing countries adapt to climate change. Initiatives are based on country needs, views and priorities. Since 2010, the Adaptation Fund has committed US\$ 850 million to projects and programmes to date, including 123 concrete projects, serving about 28 million total beneficiaries. It also pioneered Direct Access, empowering countries to access funding and develop projects directly through accredited national implementing entities. The event on enhancing climate finance access provided an opportunity for climate change adaptation (CCA) actors including parties, implementing entities, private sector and civil society representatives to discuss the recent development of access to climate finance for adaptation in general and highlight the work of the Adaptation Fund as one of the very few climate funds under the UN Climate Convention and Paris Agreement that is dedicated to financing concrete adaptation activities.

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Summary of Activities:

The last event attended was by the International Network of Energy Transition Think Tanks, a network formed by energy transition think tanks globally working in major and emerging economies. The think-tank aims to stage the path for robust decision-making and policy implementations that members undertake, to do the research and to prepare policy homework to foresee future challenges.

Denise Fontanilla from the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities highlighted the surge of electricity prices in the Philippines, the inequity of power distribution and the effects of coal mining and coal-fired power plants. The organization presented their work on how they have helped the Philippines' energy financing during COVID, guidance in finance and cleaner energy transition.

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November 3, 2021 - DAY 3

Agenda (Events Attended:)

- Capacity-building Hub - (International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD))
- Youth of UNESCO Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN) - Morocco Pavillion
- Energy Transition in practice: insights by International Network of Energy Transition Think Tanks
- Enhancing climate finance access for adaptation in the context of COVID-19: Lessons from the Adaptation Fund portfolio

Summary of Activities:

As part of the structure of COP26, there were thematic days dedicated to many core dimensions of climate change. November 3 was dedicated to capacity building as an important tool to train people working to reduce the world's carbon footprint. We took part in activities organized by non-state actors led by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and overseen by a Planning Committee whose members include PCCB members, academics, UN staff, negotiators, development practitioners, and researchers. The Capacity-building Day brought together different stakeholders, and sheds light on innovative solutions, inclusive processes, effective actions, and potential pathways for higher ambitions, in the implementation of the Paris Agreement. A notable experience was the showcase of youth climate activists across the world and the power of storytelling by Digital Storytellers, an impact storytelling organization.

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Summary of Activities:

The second event attended was a Youth of UNESCO Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN) side event co-organized at the Moroccan Pavilion, alongside the African Youth Climate Hub to discuss how to build the capacity of youth to nurture their innovative minds to address climate change and promote sustainable development through climate education. We had the opportunity to connect with the (YoU-CAN) Focal Point, Manon Frezouls, sharing our mutual interest in climate education and the startup, Curve Mobility and our mission towards a net-zero future, as well as Tomorrow Foundation's work in nurturing the next generation of African leaders.

TakeAways/Outcomes:

- Learnt from shared knowledge and best practices of diverse communities of practice across regions on leveraging digital technology to promote climate change.
- The African Youth Climate Hub has an online portal to foster and nurture African youth leadership for the Climate. This is an opportunity to share our works and progress on climate-related advocacy, the e-mobility transition and clean transportation.

External Engagements/Opportunities:

- (YoU-CAN) Focal Point, Manon Frezouls

DAILY REFLECTIONS

COY26

November 4, 2021 - DAY 4

Agenda (Events Attended:)

- Aligning financial chains with the Paris goals – supporting the private sector in transition
- Mitigation Actions in Policy & Regulatory Initiatives for Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and E- Mobility (EU Pavillion)
- Mobilizing Green Finance to catalyze Climate Action: Lessons from multilateral and bilateral funds (Ghana's Ministry of Finance)

Summary of Activities:

The Green Finance event showcased Ghana's efforts and challenges in mobilizing green finance at scale and lessons learnt from vertical climate trust funds, carbon finance, national budget and bilateral funds in promoting eco-innovation and climate change adaptation and mitigation solutions. The Ministry of Finance shared the amount of money Ghana needs to implement its 47 updated NDCs, the deficit of the national budget and the need for FDI and private sector funding to meet these ambitions.

Prof Kirk Semple from Lancaster University shared the process through which the university secured a 7 million pound funding through the UK Government's Global Challenges Research Fund to their circular economy research program in Ghana.

The Ministry of Energy shared its success with the Global Environment Facility on introducing more energy-efficient refrigerating appliances in Ghana and how funds were raised through the facility.

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Summary of Activities:

The event on mainstreaming climate in financial institutions for private sector funding involved high-level representatives from European Investment Bank, African Development Bank, and Global Reporting Initiative. Leaders of different organizations shared how assets managers especially in Europe are committing to aligning capital towards reducing carbon emissions and would soon be a legal requirement.

Takeaways/Outcomes:

- Fundraising from instituted global funds starts from building the right relationships and leveraging strategic partnerships that would interest the funding organizations.
- While multilateral organizations and big donors may want to deal directly with the government, funding opportunities exist for "big" companies. Should Curve raise considerable funding and achieve high growth rates, there's a realistic pathway of designing a program towards EV transition for the masses that can attract multiples global investments for funding agencies to acquire fleets OF EV Vans.
- Increasingly venture capital firms and assets managers are committing to the goals of the Paris Agreement and therefore positions Curve as a carbon-emissions oriented company to receive future funding.

External Engagements/Opportunities:

- Opportunities exist for Dutch climate finance for Curve Mobility
- Connected with Amal Lee Amin of the CDC Group, and would be following up on funding conversations.
- Gareth Philips of the AfDB and Green Climate Fund
- Solomon Asamoah, who would be heading the AfDB SEFA program in Ghana next year
- Ambroise Fayolle, EIB Vice President for Climate

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November 5, 2021 - DAY 5

Agenda (Events Attended:)

- Green Banks and National Climate Change Funds: catalytic vehicles for climate action in Africa
- Mobilizing Urban Climate Finance through the City Climate Finance Gap Fund

Summary of Activities:

The first event attended on Green Banks and climate change funds organized by the African Development Bank focused on innovative financing climate change projects in Africa. One of such financing vehicles is the Africa Green Finance Initiative. The initiative seeks to help African countries attract financing by having a record of robust financial indicators that funding agencies require.

The City Climate Finance Gap Fund was discussed at the second event organized by the Government of Luxembourg and Germany, EIB and the World Bank. The fund supports cities to develop early-stage concepts linked to carbon reduction ambitions to project stages where they can attract project funding.

The Deputy Minister of the BMU underscored the vulnerability of cities to climate change and how financing to climate projects at city levels can accelerate the raise to 1.5°C globally.

External Engagements/Opportunities:

- Dr André Weidenhaupt - Director-General, Department of the Environment, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, of Luxembourg.
- Norbert Gorißen - Deputy Director-General, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

DAILY REFLECTIONS

COY26

November 6, 2021 - DAY 6

Agenda (Events Organized:)

Building Tomorrow's Cities: Sustainable Mobility
And Intelligent Transportation (Curve and Tomorrow
Foundation)

Summary of Activities:

Our main focus of the day was our workshop which explored how innovations in mobility plan for the future of sustainable and equitable transportation in Africa and the role of public-private collaborations.

The conversation was a 1 hour 45 minutes discussion in an audience of about 35 delegates (the capacity of the Ghana Pavillion where it was organized.) The event was moderated by Nadia Owusu; Isaac Aboah and Vedant Kulkarni, Climate Policy Advisor and YOUNGO Representative were panellists.

The background of the discussion was that efficient and equitable mobility is at the heart of commerce, social and economic development in Africa as it bridges the access to goods, services, jobs, and opportunities. But with the increasing pollution, severe traffic, and soaring fuel prices, African transport, and mobility systems already facing huge infrastructural gaps, are worsening even more. Therefore, it is important to implement climate actions, including policy design, partnerships with the private sector and providing technical assistance to move the needle for sustainable mobility initiatives in Africa.

Vedant shared his perspectives on the mobility needs of people with disabilities must be factored into transport and city planning policies. He also indicated that these should be factored right from ideation stages, designs stages through to budget phase. He further went on to explain that a transport system that is well designed for people with disabilities is well designed for all users.

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COY26

Summary of Activities:

Isaac Aboah shared Curve's vision to transform public transportation in Africa. He touched on how car ownership is still out of reach for the greater majority of Africans. He tackled clear opportunities that exist to transition the new crop car owners into e-mobility alternatives, away from ICE vehicles.

The event was a huge success. We also used the opportunity to highlight Tomorrow Foundation's work and commitment to African youth and entrepreneurship, displayed its banner and made multiple social media posts in that regard.



Nadia Owusu (far left) and Isaac Aboah (far right) with Vedant Kulkarni, YOUNGO rep at Tomorrow Foundation event

DAILY REFLECTIONS

COY26

Monday, November 8, 2021 - DAY 7

Agenda (Events Attended:)

Agenda (Events Attended/Organized):
Climate Frisk: Scaling Up Awareness Raising On
SDG13 - SDG Pavillion,
Achieving a Sustainable Future through Technology
(Accenture)

Summary of Activities:

The SDG pavilion brought together experts and policymakers leading the implementation of climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals around the world in a series of discussions on how to accelerate action across both the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. We met with Nathalia Lawen, Ocean and Climate Youth Ambassador from Seychelles. She shared her inspiring story on an eighteen-day voyage representing Seychelles on the United Nation's (UN) Ocean and Climate Youth Ambassador Programme (OCYAP) for 18 - 35-year-olds, on the Japanese Peace Boat. Her story reminds us of the uniqueness of the climate crisis as a global canker that requires people of all backgrounds to work together irrespective of our differences, religion, beliefs, or race.

Accenture's side event on 'Achieving a Sustainable Future through Technology' explored how green cloud infrastructure, equipment and operations, and green software could help organizations deliver more sustainable products and services while also radically reducing their technology footprints. The panel of speakers for this session was power-packed. They had speakers from Microsoft, Green Software Foundation and Times Radio, Accenture, etc. The phenomenon of green software (software that serves as a climate solution) was very new to us. We use the software every day at home and even in our place of work. With this session, I understood software can be designed, developed, and deployed in ways where it didn't have to consume energy or create emissions.

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COY26

Wednesday November 10, 2021 - DAY 9

Agenda (Events Organized:)

Protecting Climate Resolutions: A Call To Action For Youth Capacity Building

Summary of Activities:

Our session was hosted at the EY Pavilion for Tomorrow Foundation discussed how we could move climate change resolutions and negotiations from diplomatic conversations to result-oriented ambitions spearheaded by the youth. The reality of climate action is that it takes time. As far back as the Kyoto Protocols and Doha Amendments, major climate resolutions, all well-intended, are yet to be implemented. However, climate exacerbation is not waiting for us. So the onus lies on young people to demand their place on climate resolutions, negotiations, and actions. The panel emphasized how we could mainstream climate education through social media. The panel which featured an intergenerational balance of climate leaders was moderated by Isaac Aboah with John Kiolo (Chairman, Kenya Climate Working group), Dr James Sankale (Chief Officer, County Government of Kajiado), Nana Akua Busia (Youth & Policy Advocate) and Prosper Tornyi (Skills Hub Manager, Youth Opportunity & transformation in Africa).

We unanimously agreed that the youth can and must be involved in climate decisions and negotiations for them to get the necessary experience and expertise. We also explored approaches to youth capacity building at the grassroots levels and building expertise of young people in speciality areas of climate like finance and research.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

COY26

November 11, 2021 - DAY 9

Agenda (Events Attended:)

- Transport Day at COP26: Decarbonising Road, Aviation and Maritime transport
- Decarbonizing Transport Now – How decarbonised transport will achieve the Paris Agreement goal (German Pavillion)
- Driving the global transition to zero-emission transportation (Colombian Ministry of Transportation)
- Transitioning to zero-carbon mobility in our cities: linking transport to energy, climate and health

Summary of Activities:

The headline event for Transport Day was the acceleration of the zero-emission vehicle transition. With road transport accounting for 10% of global emissions (and rising), the transition to zero-emission vehicles must occur faster to ensure the Paris Agreement goals are met, including limiting global warming to 1.5°C. Representatives declared their commitment to accelerating the transition to zero-emission vehicles and 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2040 (or 2035 for leading markets). However, missing some major government signatories, including China, Japan, Germany and the United States, and certain car manufacturers, the impact this commitment will have on global emissions in practice is to be seen.

The issue of finance was a key and sensitive topic. Most of the developed countries suggest postponing it to June 2022. Less developed countries do not find it relevant to talk about functionality without finance. Finally, less developed countries and developed countries have found a consensus on a text that was submitted to the COP. While this is the minimum we can have, it is important to emphasise that this text is silently making space for the transfer of risk (climate assurance) which is more a response than prevention.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

COY26

TakeAways/Outcomes:

- The COP26 presidency programme focuses entirely on road-transport electrification. Yet life-cycle emissions from electric vehicles depend heavily on the kind of electricity, battery and materials used. Globally, uptake has been slow apart from a few leaders, such as Norway, which has thrown everything at the transition – funded by revenues from fossil-fuel exports no less. Even if all new cars were electric from today, it would still take 15-20 years to replace the world’s fossil fuel cars. Electric cars are great but do not solve problems of road traffic congestion, safety and other issues of car dependency. City and government leaders also need to look at ways to solve transport inequality and efficiency through intelligent transport technology, as EVs are being considered.
- Denmark’s Minister for Transport Benny Engelbrecht met with cycling representatives to accept a joint letter from more than 300 organizations calling for cycling’s inclusion in future COPs. Cycling and other forms of micro-mobility received little attention at COP but have several practical usefulness in a net-zero transport future. We anticipate micro-mobility becoming a major discourse in the next COP.

External Engagements:

- James Brown, National Liberation Club
- Subbu Loganathan, CEO, Pico Analytics

Closing Ceremony and Final Reflections

After twelve days of intense COP26 activities, world leaders concluded the event with a global agreement to accelerate action on climate this decade on November 12, 2021.

Nearly 200 countries agreed to the Glasgow Climate Pact to keep 1.5C alive and finalize the outstanding elements of the Paris Agreement. The Glasgow Climate Pact will speed up the pace of climate action. All countries agreed to revisit and strengthen their current emissions targets to 2030, known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), in 2022. This will be combined with a yearly political roundtable to consider a global progress report and a Leaders summit in 2023.

Many have expressed their disappointment about the Glasgow Climate Pact because it is not ambitious enough. The final language of the agreement is too weak to meaningfully reduce emissions and limit global heating to 1.5°C.

We believe that accountability now lies on all of us. We all need to be involved to save our planet. The representatives sponsored by the Tomorrow Foundation pledge to promote climate education making use of digital tools no matter how little in my community and across the continent. As well, through Curve Mobility, we hope to build intelligent and efficient transport systems across the continent that can look leverage electrification to reduce emissions.

Finally, we commit to working hand in hand with youth leaders, activists, and organizations to take on initiatives that would make our planet sustainable and better for all of us.

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Tomorrow Foundation is grooming the next crop of young leaders through funding, partnerships and collaborations. With their support, we hope to share our learnings from COP26, contribute to building the continent and a sustainable future for all. We appreciate the timely support of Maggie Gu, Denis Lebsis-Daronnat and Kathrine Lind Amdisen, and hope this collaboration yields more fruitful relationships.

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to saving the planet.

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